

CLAIMS

1. Convertible vehicle (1) with a movable roof (2), which has a flexible roof covering (4) at least in its rear area, wherein the rear of the roof covering (4) is held on a tension bow (11), which can be moved upward from a tensioned position that forms the closed roof (2), characterized by the fact that at least one folding device (13), which acts on lower marginal regions of the roof covering (4) that are located in front of the tension bow (8) with respect to the direction of vehicle travel (F), is assigned to the roof covering (4) and exerts a force on these marginal regions that forces them to fold in during the opening of the roof (2).

2. Convertible vehicle in accordance with Claim 1, characterized by the fact that exactly one folding device (13) is assigned to each longitudinal side of the vehicle.

3. Convertible vehicle in accordance with Claim 1 or Claim 2, characterized by the fact that a folding device (13) extends between a front region of the roof, a so-called roof top (16), and the rear tension bow (8).

4. Convertible vehicle in accordance with any of Claims 1 to 3, characterized by the fact that the tensioning device (13) or each folding device (13) includes a traction cable (14), by

means of which the folding device (13) engages the section of the sealing line (12).

5. Convertible vehicle in accordance with Claim 4, characterized by the fact that the traction cable (14) consists of polyamide.

6. Convertible vehicle in accordance with any of Claims 1 to 5, characterized by the fact that the folding device (13) or each folding device (13) includes a tension spring (14a).

7. Convertible vehicle in accordance with any of Claims 1 to 6, characterized by the fact that the roof (2) includes at least one tensioning device (25), which is assigned to a sealing line (12) situated in the lower marginal region of the roof covering (4), acts in its tensioned position on the sealing line (12) with a force that presses on a region of the automobile body (5) that serves as a support, and can be relaxed in a well-defined direction by the folding device (13).

8. Convertible vehicle in accordance with any of Claims 1 to 7, characterized by the fact that it includes a body-mounted cover part (7), on which, in the closed position, the rear end (6) of the roof tightly rests, and which is to be opened to receive the roof (2) in the automobile body (5).